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FYI – I thought you may be interested in Andi's summary below. Marianne is sharing this with Chris and Michelle.

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Subject: Select messages from public on Pebble Mine

Marianne, as we discussed, I am sending you select messages we have received from the public over the past month related to the Pebble Mine.

1. Attached are 5 representative voicemail messages. These are short. Of the approximately 60 voicemails we've received in the past month, only one was not opposed (neutral) to Pebble Mine.
2. Below is a compilation of 4 representative emails we have received from the public over the past month. Of the 15 emails we received since July 1, one has been in support of the mine.

Lynne Bonetti [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] The final environmental review resulted in questionable science and dubious results which were criticized by independent scientists, federal agencies, and Bristol Bay community leaders. The initial 20-year mine plan would destroy over 2,300 acres of wetlands and more than 105 miles of salmon streams, far exceeding the standards that the Environmental Protection Agency set in 2014 for "unacceptable" impacts. It's time for the EPA to step in and veto this mine. Thank you.

Michael S. Ellegood, P.E. [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] I am concerned that the Corps of Engineers has reportedly approved the EIS for the proposed Pebble Mine. This mine is located in an environmentally sensitive and very remote area. Though now retired, I am a professional Civil Engineer and, in my 60-year career, have both regulated mining operations and been peripherally involved in their cleanup. I have yet to see a responsible mining operation that follows the rules (especially when no one is watching) and remains environmentally conscious throughout the mining operation. The remote location of Bristol Bay and the proposed mine site will make government oversight problematic at best. Please use whatever process is appropriate to deny this permit.

Sarah and Glenn Lane [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] Dear EPA, The idea of a mine in this productive salmon watershed is ludicrous, greedy, and insane. Salmon create many more thousands of jobs and dollars for our economy. Salmon are a keystone for the humans and animals alike. A whole, clean watershed is what will sustain these things. Check out the book, "The King of Salmon". As Europeans moved west through Europe, UK, to the US, east coast, and westward and north, they left behind a path of ruined fisheries. Do not choose to ignore the past. Do not ruin this one too. Proponents of the project may say there is no danger of leakage or contamination, but the past says otherwise. Greed is

driving this project. Private profit for a few is not a justification for endangering this amazing and beautiful salmon home. NO Pebble Mine!!!!

Deb Lawles Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP): I am writing again to ask for your help on an issue that threatens American jobs and outdoor traditions, not to mention the last and largest intact salmon run in the world. I continue to be extremely concerned about the massive open-pit gold and copper mine that a Canadian mining company is proposing to build in the Bristol Bay region of Alaska. The efforts to develop the massive mine in this unique area threaten more than 14,000 American jobs, a fishery worth more than \$1.5 billion dollars annually and a sport fishing and hunting paradise. It is considered a world-class fishing destination. We have collectively decimated salmon runs almost everywhere else on the planet- can we not leave one alone to thrive as it was meant to be?? The EPA has identified the risks of this mine if built - including the decimation of many miles of streams and storing up to 10 billion tons of mine waste without accident (ha!) behind earthen dams, forever (why would this project be successful when history shows us these dams will fail?). The mine is, and has been, relentlessly opposed by most Alaskans, as well as anglers, hunters and other outdoor recreation enthusiasts from around the country, including me. Preventing this mine from moving forward would protect American jobs, safeguard the culture of native and rural America, and ensure that our national outdoor heritage prospers - not to mention the enduring survival of one of the most important partners in our unique PNW ecosystem. Despite other distractions, we are still paying attention to this deeply critical issue, and we expect the environmental PROTECTION agency to actually PROTECT the environment. Please do what the American public has entrusted you to do, and has communicated loudly and repeatedly what outcome they would like - PROTECT the environment. Thank you for listening and for your attention to this matter at this urgent time.

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